



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of:) Art Unit: 3731
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T. Anthony DON MICHAEL) Examiner: U. HO
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Appln. No.: 10/005,699) Washington, D.C.
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For: DISTAL PROTECTION DOUBLE) March 13, 2006
BALLOON CATHETER)

SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Examiner's action dated September 13, 2005, has been received, and its contents carefully noted.

The new ground of rejection presented in that Action is traversed for the reason that the system defined in the pending claims, and particularly in independent claim 1, is not disclosed in or suggested by any combination of the teachings of the applied references.

The system defined in claim 1 of the present application includes a catheter having a fundamentally different structure from the catheters disclosed in the applied references.

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